

2. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition is a

C2 pharmaceutical composition and further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein melatonin is encapsulated in an encapsulating matrix or a liposome.

7. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition is orally administered.

C3 8. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition is a food composition containing the melatonin and a food.

C4 12. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the food composition is selected from the group consisting of food, a food stuff and a composition comprising melatonin and an additive for incorporating melatonin in food.

Please add the following claims.

P126 ~~16~~ 15. The method of Claim 8, wherein the food composition is a cooked food, juice, ice cream, emulsified food, gelled food, or a fermented food.

C5 ~~17~~ 16. The method of Claim 8, wherein the food composition is a fruit juice.--

#### SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

The original claims have been amended to make a typographical change. Claim 1 has been amended to specify treating brain edema. Claim 2 has been amended to recite a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Claim 8 has been amended to specify a food. These amendments, and newly added Claims 15 and 16, are supported by the specification at pages 7-25 and by original Claims 1-14. No new matter is believed to have been added to this application by these amendments.